

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 12 noon on Monday, October 24th in pro forma session and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25th for Morning Hour debate.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1059)

H.R. 3971, to provide assistance to individuals and States affected by Hurricane Katrina. Signed on October 20, 2005. (Public Law 109-91)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 24 through October 29, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3010, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including any appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: October 27, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Forest and Rangeland Research Program of the USDA Forest Service, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: October 25, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine oil and gas activities by the Bureau of Land Management including impact of recently passed energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: October 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, General Burwell B. Bell, III, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command, and Commander, United States Forces Korea, and Lieutenant General Lance L. Smith, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United

States Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Slaughter, of New Hampshire, and Katherine Baicker, of New Hampshire, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Orlando J. Cabrera, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Gigi Hyland, of Virginia, and Rodney E. Hood, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues regarding the sending of remittances and the role of financial institutions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 25, to hold hearings to examine S. 1829, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, S. 1830, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and S. 1831, to convey certain submerged land to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., SD-366.

October 26, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (P.L. 108-447), by the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, 2 p.m., SD-366.

October 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Administration's response to hurricane recovery efforts related to energy and to discuss energy policy, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 26, to resume hearings to examine Eco-terrorism, specifically examining Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 25, business meeting to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ellen R. Sauerbrey, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration, and Jeffrey Thomas Bergner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

October 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Jennifer L. Dorn, of Nebraska, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Donald A. Gambatesa, of